

# Historical Exhibition On Display In Diggs Gallery

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"What's great about this show is that it brings history to life," explained Brooke Anderson, director of Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery when asked about the historical exhibition currently on display in the gallery.

Students, administrators, alumni and community leaders gathered at the gallery during Centennial Homecoming Week to view "Bearing the Test" a historical display featuring original photographs and documents that depict how Winston-Salem State University has changed over the years.

Among the items displayed is

an original letter written by Dr. Simon Green Atkins to the State Education Director. In this letter Atkins stressed the need for an institution of higher learning for Black students. He also emphasized what an institution for Black students would offer and what goals it would try to accomplish.

Additionally, programs from previous commencement exercises, campus functions, biographical sketches of former chancellors and administrators, original newspaper articles, documents, and records from as early as the late 1890's are also featured at the gallery which is located in the C.G. O'Kelly Library.

After experiencing this

historical exhibition many students were amazed at how well the articles had been preserved and how much WSSU has changed over the years. "There is a lot of Black History in here," said Michelle Hardy, a junior at WSSU.

According to Anderson, some of the observers have been impressed with the display and can really relate to the exhibition because they recognize some of the photos and documents.

One of the main attractions at the exhibition is the WSSU Centennial Time Capsule. This time capsule will contain programs and yearbooks from some of the activities held during the celebration of the university's 100th year. Most

importantly there will be a journal that will contain some of the thoughts, memories, and stories from WSSU students and faculty. The time capsule will be opened in fifty years (2042) for future students and faculty to read and enjoy. A formal ceremony to bury the time capsule will be held on December 6, 1992.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to visit the gallery to experience this historical exhibition which will be on display through December 12th. The gallery's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# African-Americans Participate On Election Day

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Nationwide African-Americans turned out to vote on Election Day 1992. More Black representation in state and national government positions is the result of the turnout.

Eva Clayton, 1st Congressional District and Mel Watts,

12th Congressional District, are the first two blacks elected to Congress from North Carolina in this century. Clayton becomes the first Black woman in North Carolina's history to be elected to Congress.

Locally, incumbent Judge Loretta C. Biggs, defeated Tori Roemer in Districts 21's highly controversial judicial race.

The 1992 Presidential Race seemed to have been important to voters of all ages. Especially first-time voters and young adults. The 18-23 year-old voters were very actively involved in this year's voting process. Studies done nationwide show that more members of this age group registered to vote and

followed through by going to the polls to cast their votes.

Locally, Winston-Salem State University students held a rally on campus before approximately 200 students marched to the Happy Hill Gardens Precinct. This was the precinct where the WSSU students voted.

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